

That which is claimed:

1. A method comprising:  
  
executing a search query on a local index;  
  
receiving a first result set from the local index, the first result set relevant to the search query;  
  
receiving a second result set from a global index, the second result set relevant to the search query; and  
  
combining the first result set with the second result set to create a combined result set.
2. The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving the search query.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein receiving the search query comprises intercepting a search query directed to the global index.
4. The method of claim 1, further comprising ranking the combined result set.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the combined result set comprises a merged result set.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein the combined result content display window comprising a first section for displaying the first result set and a second section for displaying the second result set.

7. The method of claim 1, further comprising generating a user interface comprising the combined result set.
8. The method of claim 1, wherein combining the first result set with the second result set to create a combined result set comprises:
  - identifying a first article identifier in the first result set; and
  - replacing a second article identifier in the second result set with the first article.
9. The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the search query comprises receiving the search query in a proxy server.
10. The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the search query comprises receiving the search query in a browser plug-in.
11. The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the search query comprises receiving the search query in a firewall.
12. The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the search query comprises receiving the search query in a network monitor.
13. The method of claim 1, wherein the local index comprises a database.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein the database comprises a pre-generated result set.
15. The method of claim 1, wherein the local index comprises a list of files.
16. The method of claim 1, wherein the local index comprises an email application.
17. The method of claim 1, wherein the local index comprises a chat application.
18. A method comprising:
  - identifying a global query directed against a global index;
  - initiating a local query against a local index, the local query based at least in part on the global query;
  - identifying a response from the global index;
  - receiving a response from the local index; and
  - creating a combined display based at least in part on the response from the global index and the response from the local index.
19. The method of claim 18, wherein the local query and the global query occur in parallel.

20. The method of claim 18, further comprising ignoring the response from the local index if the response from the local index is not received within a predetermined time after the response from the global index is received.

21. The method of claim 18, wherein creating a combined display based at least in part on the response from the global index and the response from the local index comprises modifying the response from the global index.

22. The method of claim 18, wherein creating a combined display based at least in part on the response from the global index and the response from the local index comprises creating a new display, wherein the response from the local index and the response from the global index are contained in separate sections.

23. The method of claim 18, wherein creating a combined display based at least in part on the response from the global index and the response from the local index comprises creating a new display combining the response from the local index and the response from the global index.

24. A computer-readable medium on which is encoded program code, the program code comprising:

program code for executing the search query on a local index;

program code for receiving a first result set from the local index, the first result set relevant to the search query;

program code for receiving a second result set from a global index, the second result set relevant to the search query; and

program code for combining the first result set with the second result set to create a combined result set.

25. The computer-readable medium of claim 24, further comprising program code for ranking the combined result set.

26. The computer-readable medium of claim 24, further comprising program code for generating a user interface comprising the combined result set.

27. The computer-readable medium of claim 24, wherein program code for combining the first result set with the second result set to create a combined result set comprises:

program code for identifying a first article identifier in the first result set; and

program code for replacing a second article identifier in the second result set with the first article.

28. The computer-readable medium of claim 24, wherein program code for receiving the search query comprises program code for receiving the search query in a proxy server.

29. The computer-readable medium of claim 24, wherein program code for receiving the search query comprises program code for receiving the search query in a browser plug-in.

30. The computer-readable medium of claim 24, wherein program code for receiving the search query comprises program code for receiving the search query in a firewall.